

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in light of the comments which follow. Claims 2-13, 15-19 and 21 are pending.

OBVIOUSNESS-TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 2-13, 15-19 and 21 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/698,672 on the grounds set forth in paragraph 3 of the Official Action. Submitted herewith is a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Application No. 10/698,672. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 5 and 21 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6, 21 and 22 of co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/084,460 on the grounds set forth in paragraph 4 of the Official Action. Submitted herewith is a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Application No. 10/084,460. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

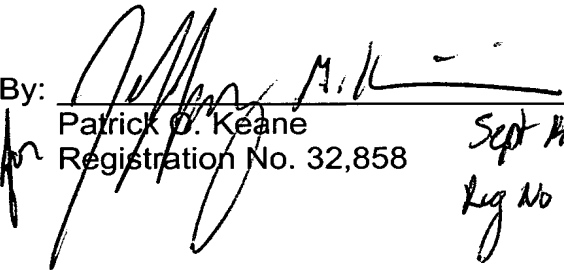
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